

## **WEST VIRGINIA BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT COUNCIL**

**Thursday, October 15, 2009 @ 9:00 a.m.**

The meeting of the West Virginia Broadband Deployment Council was held in Building 6, Room 6A on Thursday, October 15, 2009, at 9:00 a.m.

The following members participated:

Jimmy Gianato  
Elaine Harris (via phone)  
Sonia Chambers (via phone)  
Michael Kelemen  
B.K. Fulton (via phone)  
Kyle Schafer  
Lee Fisher  
Mike Friloux (via phone)

Additional participants:

Julia Benincosa  
Brandy Messer (via phone)  
John Baisden (via phone)  
Mark Polen  
Andrea Rayl

After a quorum was established, Jimmy Gianato welcomed the Council and called the meeting to order.

### **Business**

Mr. Gianato asked for the approval of the minutes from the August meeting of the Broadband Deployment Council. The Council approved the minutes with no objection.

### **Other Business**

Mr. Fisher asked if there was a way to know where the funds would go if we were to receive funding. Mr. Gianato explained that we would not know where the funds will go until we are told what will be awarded.

Mr. Gianato stated that Kimball's comments on all applications and the Governor's letter to U.S. Department of Commerce Assistant Secretary Lawrence E. Strickling will be posted on the Governor's stimulus website under the broadband section. The Governor's letter stated the mission of the council, desire to deploy broadband throughout the state and the need for stimulus money to accomplish this mission. The Governor's letter did not endorse one application; other than the one he signed.

Mr. Gianato stated that they have been told that funding will start being awarded in November and indicated that in meeting with the Secretary of Commerce that NTIA is thinking about doing away with the third round of the application process.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **Adjournment**

The next meeting will be noticed for November 19, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. The meeting location, call-in number and agenda will be provided prior to the meeting.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.